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Overview of The Issue

The Summer 2023 issue of RMT includes a mix of notes and announcements that may be interesting to Rasch measurement researchers.

First, we have a note from the AERA Rasch Measurement SIG Chair Trent Haines. The note includes information about officers, awards, and the 2023 business meeting speaker. Included is a link to a survey to become more involved with the SIG and several pictures from the 2023 business meeting.

Next, we have included event announcements for Women in Measurement.

Third, we have included an announcement about the PROMS 2023 meeting.

We end the issue with information about upcoming Rasch-related courses.

As always, we welcome your contributions to the next issue for RMT. We would appreciate receiving your research note, conference or workshop announcement, etc. by September 1, 2023. Please contact Stefanie at swind@ua.edu to submit something for inclusion.

Sincerely,
Stefanie A. Wind & Leigh Harrell-Williams

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A Note from Rasch Measurement SIG Chair, Trent Haines

This year's AERA was a success for the Rasch Measurement SIG. The SIG was allotted two paper sessions, one roundtable, one virtual paper session, and space in various poster sessions. The business meeting had several in attendance, with Larry Ludlow giving the talk as the 2022 Recipient of the Benjamin Drake Wright Senior Scholar Award.

In his presentation, Dr. Ludlow reflected on his career and discussed the development of Rasch/Guttman scenario scales. Throughout the remainder of the meeting, several individuals were introduced, SIG business was discussed, and results of the recent SIG survey were shared.



Larry Ludlow giving the talk as the 2022 Recipient of the Benjamin Drake Wright Senior Scholar Award.

The 2023 Georg William Rasch Early Career Publication Award recipient was Jue Wang. This award recognizes an individual junior scholar for an outstanding publication on Rasch measurement research within five years of obtaining their doctoral degree. The award is being offered as an incentive to foster ongoing excellent research in the area of Rasch measurement through the early phases of one's career. This award is given biannually in odd numbered years.

Dr. Wang is Assistant Professor in Department of Psychology at The University of Science and Technology of China. Dr. Wang received her Ph.D. in Quantitative Methodology Program under Educational Psychology at The University of Georgia, and previously worked in Research, Measurement & Evaluation Program at The University of Miami. Her research focuses on examining rater effects in rater-mediated assessments using Rasch measurement models and unfolding models. She has

published in peer-reviewed journals including *Educational Psychology Review*, *Educational and Psychological Measurement*, *Journal of Educational Measurement*, *Assessing Writing*, and *Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts*. Dr. Wang has also coauthored a book (with Professor George Engelhard) entitled *Rasch models for solving measurement problems: Invariant measurement in the social sciences* published by Sage as part of Quantitative Applications in the Social Sciences (QASS) series.

Christopher Amissah, doctoral candidate at Morgan State University, was introduced as the SIG's first-ever Graduate Student Representative. This is a one-year position that is meant to serve as a liaison with other graduate students, share graduate student concerns with SIG leadership, and receive mentoring in SIG leadership from the leadership team.



George Engelhard (Left) accepted the 2023 Georg William Rasch Early Career Publication Award on behalf of Jue Wang. The award was presented by Eli Jones.



Current and past Rasch Measurement SIG leaders at the 2023 Business Meeting. Pictured (L-R): R. Trent Haines, Chair; Audrey Conway Roberts, Program Co-Chair; Christopher Amissah, Graduate Student Representative; Leigh Harrell-Williams, Co-Editor of Rasch Measurement Transactions and former SIG officer; Haiying Long, Secretary; Cari Herrmann-Abell, former SIG officer; and Eli Jones, Treasurer.

Audrey Conway Roberts of Bowling Green State University agreed to continue serving as Program Co-Chair until a new Co-Chair is identified.

The remaining SIG leaders will continue their roles concluding at the end of the 2024 AERA Annual Meeting. The leadership team includes R. Trent Haines as Chair, Eli Jones as Treasurer, Haiying Long as Secretary, and Kaiwen Man as Program Co-Chair.

The SIG is looking for individuals who are interested in becoming more involved in SIG activities and leadership. Interested individuals are encouraged to visit this link (<https://forms.gle/Ubkq1kEpW1scpr5c7>) to indicate their interest in various activities and initiatives.

*Trent Haines
Rasch Measurement SIG Chair
Morgan State University*

Women In Measurement Announcements

The following events have been announced:

Women of Color Mentoring Circle:

Perspectives on Showing Up Authentically
and Navigating Academic and/or

Professional Spaces

June 22, 2023, 3:00pm EST

Register here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYLfumuqTktGd0lvu4fk5_rcTzgj2ndBY1m#/registration

Fireside Chat Featuring Ellen Forte &

Jennifer Dunn

July 12, 2023, 5:00pm EST

Register here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlocumvqjssGt0FkGaqHMIoTGWsaQSPCEWz#/registration>

For more information about the organization or events, refer to the organization website:

<https://womeninmeasurement.org/>

Conference Announcement



The 2023 meeting of the Pacific Rim Objective Measurement Society (PROMS) is accepting abstract submissions. The conference will be held August 29-30 at the World Sports University, Macau, SAR, China. The PROMS conference is an international venue for Rasch researchers and practitioners to share new ideas, research results and development experiences. Abstracts in all areas of research including conceptual and empirical studies are welcomed. The topics are not limited to Rasch model or Rasch-based research. Conference registration and abstract submission are open from May 4 to July 18, 2023. Please visit the PROMS websites for more details:

<https://www.promsociety.org>

and <https://thewsu.org/en/proms-2023>

Rasch Course Announcements

There are several upcoming online 4-week classes hosted by [through statistics.com](https://www.statistics.com).

June 23 – July 21, Practical Rasch Measurement - Further Topics (Winsteps software)

Instructor: Everett Smith

<https://www.statistics.com/courses/rasch-measurement-further-topics/>

August 11 – September 8, Introduction to Item Response Theory (IRT)

Instructor: Karen Schmidt

<https://www.statistics.com/courses/introduction-to-item-response-theory-irt/>

August 11 – September 8, Many-Facet Rasch Measurement (Facets software)

Instructor: Everett Smith

<https://www.statistics.com/courses/rasch-measurement-many-facet/>

October 6 – November 3, Rasch Measurement – Core Topics (Winsteps software)

Instructor: Everett Smith

<https://www.statistics.com/courses/rasch-measurement-core-topics/>